



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2011

1:30 am – 3:00 pm

Arizona Capitol Complex

Executive Tower Building

First Floor Conference Room

1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members and Committee Members Present

George Evanoff, Council Chair, Jerry Hartley, AARP, Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona.

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Jena Grady, Intern.

Guests Present and Signing In

None

Call to Order & Welcome

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with a welcome.

Purpose of the Meeting

Council Chair Evanoff started the discussion by providing a background on how the Council on Aging's Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) expanded their focus on transit to include older driver safety. He stated the draft report provided was a "work in progress" and resulted from the Council's request to have Jena Grady, Intern for the Governor's Office on Aging, research best practices related to older driver safety as well as potential recommendations. According to the Council Chair, the draft report is a start, and input is appreciated from partners and advocates to determine what is fair to individuals, the public at large and how best to move forward.

Explanation of the Report

Jena Grady, Legislative Intern for the Governor's Office on Aging, provided an overview of the report she developed by researching Arizona legislation, examining best practices, and listening to various stakeholders' views.

Discussion of the Report

Those in attendance reviewed the draft report's recommendations in a point by point manner. According to Ms. Gorman, AAA Arizona could not support "mandate" related to insurance

companies providing insurance discounts for older drivers upon the completion of a mature driver course due to lack of data to support improvement in a driver's ability following training, differences in available mature driver training programs, and lack of criteria to determine what would be "state approved" training. It was suggested by members that best practices for coursework from other states be identified as well as any criteria used that shows reduces crashes, or effectiveness of online courses. Potential enactment of a two-year renewal period at age 75 was discussed and both stakeholder organizations in attendance voiced concern that the renewal cycle not be based on age. Related to physicians reporting for medical conditions that inhibit driving and ensuring immunity from liability for those physicians, members discussed literature from the state of California as well as guidelines provided by the American Medical Association (AMA). Since the representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) was not in attendance, it was discussed that input was needed from that stakeholder on physicians recommending a restricted license to MVD and the role of the Medical Review Board. Both AAA Arizona and AARP were asked to share any model policy recommendations or legislation from other states related to older driver safety with the Council. Those in attendance agreed by general consensus that lack of transportation options for seniors, especially in rural areas of the state, complicates concerns related to older driver safety.

Record of Recommended Adjustments

Council Chair George Evanoff invited members to submit any written input and asked that it be forwarded to the Council on Aging staff.

Future Actions

Members of the Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee were encouraged to attend the next Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) meeting. The proposed January 12, 2012 date will be confirmed along with the location and time by public meeting notice distribution.

Call to the Public

No public in attendance.

Adjournment

Council Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Next Meeting

The date and location of any future meeting will be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.